Mayor Young: 'Me thinks thou dost protest too much'

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I am disheartened that your paper has become a printed battleground between Mr. Roy Meachum and Mayor Ron Young. Not so much as to the alleged first "attack," but as to the "counter-attack" of Mayor Young.

If Mr. Meachum's article was written only to slur Mayor Young, he was in error.

The important thing to remember is that the *Frederick News-Post* prints Mr. Meachum's opinion column called "Viewpoint." Note the two key words, opinion and view. These are expressions to which everyone is entitled, and that someone, somewhere will always be offended by.

I often disagree with many columns from many writers, but Mayor Young's response expresses to me an improper move for a politician.

You should know by now, Mayor Young, that, "You can't please all the people all the time," and your counter-attack did exactly what you claimed in your letter you didn't want to do, "stoop."

You said Mr. Meachum is, "a child with adult weapons." For Pete sake, his is the power of the press. Yours is City Hall and the Office of Mayor.

If you feel your record of performance is so great, then let it speak for you.

I understand you are a person, like everyone else, with feelings, but I don't read letters, like yours, from other politicians when they get their toes stepped on. Surely if President Reagan took the time to write as you did, he would not have time for the affairs of state.

Perhaps this shows a sign of weakness on your part to allow one person to hurt your ego. If that is the case I would hate to see your letter to voters should you ever lose an election.

There are many questions Mr. Meachum or anyone could ask. Shadows of doubt about City Hall and you.

For instance:

1. Where is all this great tax revenue from all the new malls going? To the understaffed building inspector's office? To the understaffed city police? Safer roads? Where, in light of all that, is the concern for public safety? Perhaps it went to a new City Hall for the glory of the young administration.

2. Who is running the city? Is it the developers? You say, you work for the citizens of Frederick, yet some people downtown want a variance on parking requirements and can't get them, but a hotel, that you want can. Many people in Frederick Heights fought hard to block a shopping center. Those citizens didn't want it, but again City Hall and developers win.

3. Why are weight limit signs posted on city streets when the city police do not have the equipment to enforce the law?

Mayor Young, if Mr. Meachum has not told the truth, then your fans friends, and the people who support will stand by you. The people who have never voted for you, may, or may never vote for you. This time however, "Me thinks thou dost protest too much." Perhaps some of what you call "lies" have hit too close to home and you have brought yourself down below the level you complain about in your letter.

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P.S. I make no claim as to great writing skills, but then I never taught in public school either.